

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, line 29 to page 4, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

With regard to linked auctions, before an order is eligible to be traded in a linked auction (i.e., an auction that is linked to another auction in the trading system), the order is preferably confirmed as qualifying to be auctioned in such a manner. Once an order is confirmed as qualifying for its own auction (i.e., a linked auction), a linked auction is created and preferably linked to another auction based upon a characteristic of the order, such as price. In addition to being linked, information from each auction may be made available to traders in the other auctions.